

Routes to Becoming a CTE Teacher in Idaho

College Student to CTE Teacher

(Secondary)

Degree Based Career Technical Certificate

- Completion of approved educator preparation program
- University recommendation for certificate/endorsement including:
 - › 1,000 clock hours of related work experience or a practicum
 - › Positive student teaching experience
 - › Passing score on board-approved related content-area assessment
- Cleared background check and signed legal history questionnaire
- Certificate valid for five years; renewable
- Degree Based Career Technical Certification discipline areas:
 - › Agricultural Science and Technology
 - › Business Technology Education
 - › Computer Science Technology
 - › Engineering
 - › Family and Consumer Sciences
 - › Marketing Technology Education
 - › Technology Education

Industry Professional to CTE Teacher

(Secondary and Postsecondary)

Limited Occupational Specialist (LOS)

- Hold minimum of high school diploma or GED
- Document one of the following to earn certificate:
 - › Baccalaureate degree in endorsement-related area and 2,000 endorsement-related industry hours with one-half of hours acquired during recent five years
 - › 6,000 endorsement-related industry hours with one-half of hours acquired during recent five years
 - › Industry certification, as approved by IDCTE, in endorsement area
- Document industry experience to meet the majority of endorsement focus areas to earn endorsement
 - › Must qualify for both certificate and endorsement
 - › Meet requirements of occupationally related state agencies
 - › Certificate is valid for three years; not renewable
 - › May teach while completing requirements noted under next column to achieve SOS Certificate

Standard Occupational Specialist (SOS)

- Completed requirements of LOS Certificate, as follows:
- Complete pre-service training
- Complete one of the two following options:
 - 1. University coursework**
 - › Tuition and other expenses are the responsibility of the teaching candidate
 - › Courses:
 - Principles/Foundations of CTE
 - Methods of CTE Instruction
 - Evaluation and Assessment
 - Career Pathway Guidance
 - Occupational Analysis/Curriculum Development
 - 2. InSpIRE Ready! Training**
 - › Must be employed as teacher by school district or higher education institution
 - › InSpIRE Ready! specifics:
 - SECONDARY: Completion of six modules:
 - Classroom Management and Learning Environment
 - Clarity of Instruction/Content Acquisition
 - Professionalism
 - Engagement and Content Application
 - Successful Learning by Students
 - IDCTE Secondary Practice
 - POSTSECONDARY: Completion of multiple 4-hour modules through CTELearn
 - Attend IDCTE REACH Conference
 - On-site observation and coaching
 - › Tuition costs covered by IDCTE
- Certificate valid for five years; renewable

Advanced Occupational Specialist (AOS)

- Available to individuals eligible for the SOS Certificate
- Complete teacher training degree or 18 additional credits of education or content-area transcribed coursework
- Certificate valid for five years; renewable

Current Teacher to CTE Teacher

CTE Alternative Authorization Teacher to New Secondary

- Hold valid Idaho educator certificate
- Hold baccalaureate degree
- Employed by a school district
- Participate in approved route preparation program
 - › Complete minimum of nine semester credits per year
- Interim certificate valid for one year at a time; renewable up to two times while completing route for new certificate

Three Other Routes to CTE Teacher

1. CTE Alternative Authorization Content Specialist Secondary

- Employed by a school district
- Hold minimum of baccalaureate degree
- Demonstrate content knowledge through one of the following:
 - › Baccalaureate degree in subject area to be taught
 - › Passing score on board-approved related content area assessment
 - › Passing score on State Board of Education's Uniform Standard for Evaluating Content Competency
- Complete board-approved alternate route to authorization
- Interim certificate valid for one year at a time; renewable up to two times while completing route

2. Alternate Route to Add Degree Based CTE Endorsement

- Hold valid Idaho educator certificate
- Complete one of four options:
 - › Option 1: Statement of competency from college Educator Preparation Program
 - › Option 2: National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification
 - › Option 3: Graduate degree in sought endorsement area
 - › Option 4: Passing score on board-approved related content-area assessment and mentoring

3. Individual Filling a CTE Educator Position for One Year

- Awarded only with formal approval by State Board of Education
- Must:
 - › Hold associate degree or demonstrate 48 semester college credits on official transcript
 - › Provide evidence of declaration of emergency need by the school district
- Certificate is valid for one year



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